After postponing the concert date for January 25, the Red Hot Chili Peppers performed at the time Warner Cable Arena April 6. The three month delay was due to lead singer Anthony Kedis suffering multiple foot injuries that required surgery and a recovery period.

The singer mad a full recovery and jumped in front of the Charlotte crowd that Friday night in front of many anticipating students.

“I was very disappointed when I heard the news that the tour had been postponed all the way until April,” said junior and avid Chili Peppers fan Nick Russo, “it made it that much sweeter when I finally got to see them.”

The band opened with “Monarchy of Roses” from their latest album *I’m With You.* While not one of their mainstream hits, the crowd crackled with enthusiasm.

After the first song, Kiedis destroyed the planned set list and improvised the rest of the concert. Kiedis and bassist Flea just exchanged a few words between each song and launched into an unplanned set.

“I went to three Red Hot Chili Peppers’ concerts and the Charlotte show was by far the most exciting, energized, thriller of a concert I have ever seen in my life,” said senior \_\_\_\_

Also debuting on the tour is their new lead guitarist, Josh Klinghoffer, replacing John Frusciant, who retired from the band for the second time in 2009. Klinghoffer acted as a back-up guitarist on the Chili Pepper’s 2007 tour.

“Even with a new guitarist they sounded like the Chili Peppers I’ve listened to since middle school. Their new album was awesome it was unbelievable to be at this concert,” said Russo.

All other members of the group have been together since 1989, although taking extended breaks between each album for personal or family related issues.

Their breath taking performance at the Time Warner Cable Arena included other songs from their popular song from their latest album like “The Adventures of Rain Dance Maggie,” “Factory of Faith,” and “Annie Wants her Baby.” However, the group’s focus was their past hit singles.

“I got invited to go a week before the concert,” said junior Kevin Jette, “I barely listened to any of their songs before, but I walked away as a huge fan and will definitely keep listening to them.”

The band made an everlasting impression upon the queen city stage and is already scheduled to come back next year.